

REMARKS

The instant reply is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The specification has been changed to remove hyperlinks to the world wide web.

In the Office Action the Claims were restricted to one of eight independent groups. Applicants elect Group I (Claims 27-35, and 39-40), the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:46 encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:47, for prosecution without traverse. Claims 36-39 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 27-31 have been amended to delete references to nucleotide sequences in non-elected groups.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, an early and favorable Office Action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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